

My goal is to provide and fight for public and foreign policies that support democracy, human rights, and social and economic justice around the world. Such policies should result in providing the maximum opportunity possible for all individuals to achieve their highest degree of personal development, and every nation to improve and eventually thrive.

I am committed to investing in the capabilities that will protect our country and provide our men and women in uniform with the best training and equipment to meet today's evolving threats and missions. I have worked hard to make sure that our nation addresses the dangers posed by weapons of mass destruction, gives our military sufficient time to rest and train between deployments, and provides the benefits and respect our troops were promised.

Iraq

Based on the recommendations of his military commanders and national security team, the President has chosen a timeline that will remove all U.S. combat brigades from Iraq over the next 18 months. By August 31, 2010, our combat mission in Iraq will end and Iraqi Security Forces will have full responsibility for major combat missions. Iraq's future is now its own responsibility and the long-term success of the Iraqi nation will depend upon decisions made by the Iraqi people.

The Orderly and Responsible Iraq Redeployment Appropriations Act - H.R. 4156

This legislation will change the direction of President Bush's failed Iraqi policy: require the President to redeploy our troops, while providing our troops in harm's way with the resources they need. The House passed a \$50 billion package, instituting a redeployment timeline and other critical directives aimed at transitioning our role in Iraq and bringing our troops home.

Foreign Policy

I support the Obama-Biden foreign policy that will end the war in Iraq responsibly, finish the fight against the Taliban and al Qaeda in Afghanistan, secure nuclear weapons and loose nuclear materials from terrorists, and renew American diplomacy to support strong alliances and to seek a lasting peace in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

